

REMARKS

In the July 19, 2004 *Office Action*, claims 12-16, 46-48, 103 and 105 stood rejected, claims 1-11, 17-23, 43, 45, 54-102, 108 and 110-114 stood allowed, and claims 49-53, 104, 106, 107 and 109 stood objected to, but allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants hereby cancel rejected claims 12-16, 46-48, 103 and 105 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants will pursue these claims in a continuation Application.

Regarding claims 49-53, 104, 106, 107 and 109, Applicants hereby rewrite allowable claims 49, 53 and 109 in independent form (claims 50-52 depend from claim 49). Claims 104, 106 and 107 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and will also be pursued in the continuation Application.

Additionally, Applicants hereby add new claims 115-132. Claims 115 and 116 are fully supported by page 59, line 15 through page 60, line 8 of the Application. Claims 117 through 131 are similar to claims already on file, and are therefore fully supported at least by the portions of the instant Application that support those claims. Claim 117 is similar to claim 49, but is dependent from claim 53. Claim 118 is similar to claim 55, but is dependent from claim 11. Claims 119 is similar to claim 11, but is dependent from claim 55. Claim 120 is similar to claim 69, but is dependent from claim 55. Claims 121-123 are similar to claims 11, 69 and 88, but are dependent from claim 62. Claims 124-131 are similar to claims 11, 55, 61, 62, 70, 87, 88 and 95, but are dependent from claim 69. Claim 132 is fully supported by at least FIG. 14 of the Application. All of the new claims 115-132 are respectfully submitted to be patentable over the applied references, either by virtue of the features recited therein, or by virtue of their dependency.

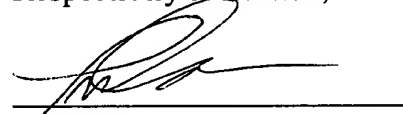
Accordingly, claims 1-11, 17-23, 43, 45, 49-82, 86-90, 95-102, 108-132 are now pending in the Application, all of which are believed to be immediately allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-11, 17-23, 43, 45, 49-82, 86-90, 95-102, 108-132 are allowable. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the application now is in condition for allowance with all of the claims 1-11, 17-23, 43, 45, 49-82, 86-90, 95-102, 108-132.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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